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FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF SENATOR S.I. HAYAKAWA DEPARTURE PRESS
CONFERENCE HELD AT LUSAKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, JUNE 3, 1978:

Q: MAY YOU PLEASE TELL US THE PURPOSE OF YOUR VISIT HERE AND THE
PEOPLE YOU HAVE MET?

SENATOR HAYAKAWA: THE PURPOSE BASICALLY, OF MY VISIT IS FACT-FINDING.
I WANT TO MEET WITH A VARIETY OF PEOPLE. YESTERDAY I MET AT THE
EMBASSY WITH OFFICIALS OF ZAPU. (TO AMBASSADOR LOW: "WHAT WERE THEIR
NAMES?").

AMBASSADOR LOW: MR. JOHN NKOMO AND MR. MUNADAWAFA.

SENATOR: HAYAKAWA: YES, I REMEMBER. AND THEY EXPLAINED TO ME
QUITE A BIT ABOUT THEIR POINT OF VIEW. THEN THIS MORNING I MET
WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND WE SPENT ABOUT AN HOUR WITH HIM. AND
ALSO THIS MORNING WE MET AT THE EMBASSY WITH TWO OFFICERS OF
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SWAPO MR. MISHECK MUYONGO AND MR. PETER KATJAVIVI. YOU KNOW
THESE NAMES BETTER THAN I DO, I AM SURE. WE VISITED THE U.N.
INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA AND TALKED WITH DIRECTOR HAGE GEINGOB,
WALKED AROUND THE SCHOOL, LOOKED AT THINGS, AND WITH THE HELP
OF AMBASSADOR LOW AND HIS STAFF, WE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE PROBLEMS
OF THIS COUNTRY AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF THIS COUNTRY TO THE PATRIOTIC
FRONT MOVEMENT IN RHODESIA IN WHICH I HAVE BEEN VERY INTERESTED.

Q: IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT, I WONDER IF YOU COULD SORT OF BRIEF US ON WHAT YOU DISCUSSED WITH THE PRESIDENT?

SENATOR HAYAKAWA: WELL, I CAN SAY ONLY THIS MUCH: THAT I EXPRESSED TO HIM SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE FACT THAT IN SO MANY OF THESE FREEDOM FIGHTER KIND OF MOVEMENTS, THAT SO OFTEN BLACKS ARE KILLING OTHER BLACKS, AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IF A BLACK FREEDOM FIGHTER IS FIGHTING FOR BALCK FREEDOM, IT DOESN'T HELP MUCH TO LEAVE OTHER BLACKS DEAD. THE PRESIDENT WAS KIND ENOUGH TO EXPLAIN SOME OF THESE PHENOMENA TO ME AND REFERRED ME TO OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION SO THAT I CAN DISCOVER FULLY WHICH BLACKS ARE KILLING WHICH BLACKS AND FOR WHAT REASONS. SO, THAT QUESTION IS LEFT OPEN IN MY MIND. I REALLY NEED TO GATHER FURTHER INFORMATION.

Q: YOU ARE AWARE THAT THESE ARE VARIOUS LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THAT IT IS ONLY INEVITABLE THAT WHEN THERE ARE OPPOSITION PARTIES, THEY MUST FIGHT EACH OTHER, PERHAPS FOR LEADERSHIP, OR GENERALLY FOR THE SAME PURPOSE OF INDEPENDENCE...

SENATOR HAYAKAWA: YEAH, THEY DON'T BEHAVE ANY BETTER THAN EUROPEANS, THE WHOLE COURSE OF EUROPEAN HISTORY (LAUGHTER) GERMANS FIGHTING FRENCHMEN, AND SLAVS FIGHTING GERMANS AND SO ON ...

Q: YES, WHAT I AM TRYING TO IMPRESS ON YOU IS THAT WHEN THERE ARE VARIOUS LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND ALL OF THEM ARE FIGHTING FOR THE SAME CAUSE, THERE ARE SOME CONFLICTS IN PRINCIPLES. DO YOU SEE UNCLASSIFIED

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IT AS SOMETHING THAT WOULD HAMPER THE MAIN CAUSE, BECAUSE THEY ARE BOUND TO FIGHT.

SENATOR HAYAKAWA: YES, I SEE IT AS THAT. THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT CONCERN ME. ONE IS THE NUMBER OF INOCENT CIVILIANS AND CHILDREN AND WOMEN WHO ARE KILLED IN THE WHOLE PROCESS. AND SECONDLY, THE DEGREE OF LACK OF POLITICAL MATURITY THAT RESULTS IN THE FACTIONS HAVING TO FIGHT OVER THEM INSTEAD OF RECONCILING THEIR DIFFERENCES AND UNITING FOR MORE EFFECTIVE LIBERATION ACTION. YOU UNDERSTAND, I AM NOT CONDEMNING ANY ONE PARTICULAR PARTY, OR ONE PARTICULAR FACTION, BUT ALL OVER THE PLACE INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE DYING. CHILDREN ARE BEING KIDNAPPED AND KILLED, OR AT LEAST ESTRANGED FORM THEIR VILLAGES AND THEIR PARENTS. AND BRAVE MEN ARE FIGHTING EACH OTHER WHO OUGHT TO BE FIGHTING TOGETHER, OR PERHAPS NOT FIGHTING AT ALL.

Q. WHAT YOU ARE SAYING, IN OTHER WORDS, IS THAT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SHOULD ALMAGAMATE. THEY SHOULD COME TOGETHER AND FIGHT FOR ONE CAUSE?

SENATOR HAYAKAWA: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE EFFORT IN THAT DIRECTION YES.

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Q: YOU HAVE SAID YOU ARE NOT SIDING WITH ANY PARTICULAR
LIBERATION MOVEMENT. WE'VE GOT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FIGHTING FROM
OUTSIDE RHODESIA AND WE'VE GOT THE SETTLEMENT WITHIN RHODESIA
WITH WHICH, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, YOU WERE SYMPATHISING.
HAVE YOU CHANGED MIND ABOUT THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT?
SENATOR HAYAKAWA: I HAVEN'T CHANGED MY MIND ABOUT THE FACT THAT
MANY ELEMENTS IN THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT I FIND ATTRACTIVE. LIKE
THEIR INSISTENCE ON ONE MAN ONE VOTE, THEIR INSISTENCE ON HOLDING
ELECTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THEIR INSISTENCE ON ELECTION BY
POLITICAL PARTY RATHER BY TRIBE AND REGION. NOW, ON THE PROPORTIONS
WE MIGHT DIFFER, BUT I APPROVE ESSENTIALLY, OF THEIR BELIEF THAT
THERE SHOULD BE AT LEAST AN INTERIM PERIOD DURING WHICH POWER IS
SHARED, RESPONSIBILITY IS SHARED WITH WHITES, SO THAT ULTIMATELY
THE QUESTION OF WHITE AND BLACK DISAPPEARS AS MORE AND MORE
PEOPLE BECOME TRAINED, AND ASSUME POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY.
THERE IS MUCH I FIND ATTRACTIVE IN THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT,
EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT THERE IS ENOUGH DISTURBANCE IN THE
COUNTRY SO THAT IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT THEIR PLANS.
AND I SYMPATHIZE WITH THE PLIGHT OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WHO FEEL
THAT THE INTERNAL AGREEMENT DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH. THEY DON'T
SAY 'POSSIBLY', BUT THEY SAY IT IS SIMPLY A MASK FOR CONTINUED
POWER HELD IN THE HANDS OF IAN SMITH.

Q: WHEN YOU SAY YOU FEAR ABOUT MUCH DISTURBANCE TOWARDS THE
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INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA, YOU MEAN FROM THE PATRIOTIC FRONT?

SENATOR HAYAKAWA: FROM THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, YES. I'D LIKE TO SEE THEREFORE, PEOPLE OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT MEET TOGETHER AND RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES BECUASE I BELIEVE ... AT LEAST I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE I'VE BEEN TALKING TO, - I HAVE BEEN TALKING TO MUZOREWA ON THE ONE HAND, AND CHINAMANO ON THE OTHER, AND ALSO MUGABE, SITHOLE AND EVRYBODY,- IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THEY SAY THEY WANT: THEY WANT PEACE, THEY WANT ORDERLY TRANSFER OF POWER. THEY MAY DIFFER ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH, AND THE TIME FRAME IN WHICH THIS TRANSITION TAKES PLACE. BUT AT LEAST AT THE LEVEL OF WORDS, THEIR IDELA SEEM TO ME TO BE RECONCILABLE.

Q: DO YOU SEEM THEM TALKING TOGETHER? THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ON ONE HAND AND THE RHODESIA-BASED LEADERS.

SENATOR HAYAKAWA: WELL, AMBASSADOR LOW AND MR. GRAHAM FROM GREAT BRITAIN ARE VISITING THE FRONTLINE STATES AND THE LEADERS OF ALL FACTIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO BRING THEM TOGETHER. AND ALL I CAN SAY NOW IS THAT I WISH THEM THE BEST OF LUCK.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH GENTLEMN.
END OF TRANSCRIPT.
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